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1. [] Provided the office of Representative George E. Brown, Jr., (D., Calif.) with a copy of the Director of Personnel's letter of 20 December [] This was provided in response to the Congressman's letter of 23 February requesting advice on the current status [] No further response will be required.

2. [] In response to a call from Mr. Robert Hunter, Administrative Assistant to Senator Russell Long (D., La.), provided him with copies of our letters of 20 February [] [] Mr. Hunter thanked us for our assistance.

3. [] In response to her earlier inquiry, I met with Miss Griffin, in the office of Senator Frank Carlson, concerning the case [] Miss Griffin had called requesting confirmation of [] association with the Agency. She also said [] had indicated to her that he had lost his U.S. citizenship as a result of his presence in Cuba on business for the Agency. I had previously discussed this case with [] who had in turn taken the matter up with Mr. Fitzgerald. [] had no objection to our indicating to Carlson that [] had been associated with us. However, without definitely confirming such association, I discussed the immigration aspects of the case with Miss Griffin adding that I could not see how under the facts he had given an association with this Agency would have had any effect on his citizenship. [] had previously renounced his U.S. citizenship by accepting a diplomatic position [] Miss Griffin plans to talk further with [] and said if she desired any further information she would be in touch with us.

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5. [] Talked with Boyd Crawford, Staff Director of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, regarding the Committee's intention to release testimony of Government witnesses before Representative Fascell's Subcommittee on the U.S. ideological effort. Having obtained a copy of the transcript of USIA witnesses before the Subcommittee, I expressed concern regarding the publication of certain parts of that testimony. Crawford was most understanding and has agreed to withhold publication of these hearings until we have an opportunity to review this testimony and make such deletions as we feel are necessary. We are dealing with the CA Staff who are in turn in touch with the State Department on this. (This testimony is currently being reviewed by the Department.)

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6. [] Advised by Mr. John Martin, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Ways and Means Committee Staff, that no further meetings of House Ways and Means Committee are scheduled pending completion of floor consideration of H.R. 8000, Interest Equalization Tax Act of 1963. Consideration by the Committee of the tax exemption of disability payments under the Agency retirement system will not be scheduled until after resumption of hearings by the Committee.

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7. [] Checked with [] office and was advised that an appropriate letter had gone forward to Senator Cannon. I requested that a copy be forwarded to us.

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8. [] Talked further with Mr. Darden to get a view of whether Senator Russell would want a meeting of the CIA Subcommittee on the current special problem. Suggested the possibility to Mr. Darden that in view of Russell's busy schedule the Senator might wish the Agency to undertake to see the members of the Subcommittee. Darden thought possibly Russell would welcome this suggestion and will advise further. Mr. Darden inquired about an appropriate statement which Russell could use with the full Committee. I stated that this was a matter which was being cleared at the highest level and we would get it there immediately upon final clearance.

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25X1 9. [] Advised Mr. Blandford, requesting that he inform Mr. Vinson, that we were unable to get to Mr. Vinson his requested appropriate statement which Vinson could use with his full Committee. I pointed out again as I had the previous day that this was a matter which was being cleared at the highest level and we would make it available immediately upon receipt of clearance.

25X1 10. [] Mr. Mahon inquired when he could have an appropriate statement so that he could brief his Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. I indicated that this was a matter which requires clearance at the highest level and that we would provide it to him immediately upon receipt of such clearance.

25X1 11. [] Talked with Representative Clarence Cannon to discuss a possible meeting of the CIA Subcommittee of House Appropriations with the Director in connection with a special problem which I identified to him. Mr. Cannon stated he saw no possibility of a meeting of the Subcommittee but requested that I advise each of the individual members. It so happened that while I was with Mr. Cannon Mr. Mahon requested a meeting to consider certain aspects of the DOD "black" budget which involves the same members. Mr. Cannon, therefore, requested that I return within the hour, i. e., five o'clock, to brief these members. This I did. See Memorandum for the Record.

25X1 12. [] Discussed with James Ray in Mr. Mahon's office certain suggestions that they could use in letters to constituents involving both the Henry Taylor columns and the "Espionage" program. While, of course, we were unable to furnish a great deal, Mr. Ray was appreciative.

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